Employment in MICA Mines

723. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mica Mines in operation, State-wise; and

(b) the number of male, female and child workers employed/deployed in Mica Mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO):

(a) and (b) As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) a subordinate office under control of Ministry of Mines, the state-wise reporting mica mines in the country were as follows:-

1.	Andhra Pradesh	19
2.	Rajasthan	8
3.	Jharkhand	5
4.	Bihar	1

The average daily employment in reporting mica mines during 2003-04 (Provisional) was as follows:-

State	Male	Female	Total
Andhra Pradesh	186	60	246
Bihar	12	0	12
Jharkhand	92	3	95
Rajasthan	51	17	68
TOTAL:	341	80	421

Employment Schemes for Ex-Employees of BGML

724. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) when the Bharat Gold Mines at KGF was closed down;

(b) how many employees were working at the time of closure;

(c) the extent of land possessed by it;

(d) whether there is any proposal to sell these lands;

(e) whether VRS benefits have been given to all the employees;